

## CHAPTER 5

### COORDINATION AND CONSULTATION

Detailed below is the process followed in the development of the General Management Plan and the public representation, special interests, organizations, and other government agencies that contributed to the planning process.

The original Notice Of Intent, informing the public that a General Management Plan (GMP) for RRCNCA would be developed and listing anticipated issues, initiated the planning and scoping process in January of 1992. The notice invited written comments involving the proposed action and announced several planned public comment meetings to discuss the proposal and gather additional comments and concerns. Meetings were held as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
01/09/92	Green Valley Library	17
01/15/92	Las Vegas District Office	10
01/21/92	Red Rock Visitor Center	60
01/23/92	Las Vegas District Office	42
02/03/92	Goodsprings Citizens Advisory Council Meeting	20

At this point in the process there was a turnover of the BLM planning team personnel and the new team assessed the process and data collected and determined how to re-enter the process. Preliminary alternatives were designed based on the key issues developed from the scoping process. It was decided to expand the scoping process by presenting these alternatives to the public to solicit additional comments and concerns prior to completing a Draft Plan. Additional public meetings were held as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
03/10/93	Blue Diamond Library	14
03/15/93	Las Vegas District Office	39
03/20/93	Las Vegas District Office	13
03/24/93	Las Vegas District Office	27

In addition to the above, several special emphasis meetings were held to gain specific insight. These meetings included:

#### Technical Rock Climbing

03/19/93	Las Vegas District Office	18
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#### Equestrian

03/22/93	Las Vegas District Office	3
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<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
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Bicycle

04/22/93	Las Vegas District Office	16
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Utilizing the data and information collected to this point, the Draft General Management Plan was completed in April of 1994 and dispersed for a 60 day public review and comment period. The following Open House meetings were held for discussion and comments on the Draft GMP:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
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05/11/94	Las Vegas District Office	11
05/14/94	Las Vegas District Office	6
05/19/94	Blue Diamond School	10

In addition to the Open House meetings, the following meetings with special groups were held:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
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Sierra Club

06/08/94	Las Vegas YMCA	24
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Friends Of Red Rock Canyon

06/18/94	Red Rock Visitor Center	32
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At the conclusion of public meetings held during this review period, a Public Hearing meeting was conducted in a formal manner. This hearing allotted a set amount of time for individuals to express their concerns or make comments with no rebuttal from BLM personnel or other attendees. All comments were recorded for consideration in completing the final plan. The Formal Hearing was as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
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05/25/94	Las Vegas District Office	40
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The next step in the planning process would normally have been to review all of the input collected during the Draft Plan review period and make the necessary modifications to arrive at a final plan. However, in November of 1994, legislation was passed which

expanded the size of RRCNCA to 195,610 acres, which more than doubled the size of the original designated NCA. It was determined that the planning process should be re-initiated at the scoping phase to consider the entire acreage and that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) would be more appropriate than an Environmental Assessment (EA) as was completed for the Draft GMP. It was also decided to develop an interim plan based on the Draft GMP that would administer RRCNCA until a final plan was completed. The plan in affect at the time was the Master Plan for Red Rock Canyon Recreation Lands. The Master Plan had been the governing document since 1976, and was no longer in touch with current activities and values. In June of 1995, the Interim General Management Plan became the governing plan for RRCNCA and will remain so until a final plan is completed.

In September of 1995, the planning process resumed. Even though comments and data collected to this point were still considered valid, public scoping was revisited and meetings were held as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
09/06/95	Las Vegas District Office	59
09/09/95	Las Vegas District Office	19

A new aspect of the planning process toward the development of the GMP/EIS has been the inclusion of public involvement throughout the planning process. A team of individuals representing the various environmental and recreational interests throughout the local community, along with representatives from commercial interests, the Native American community and other agencies, has been meeting with the BLM interdisciplinary team on a regular basis to continually review and assist in plan development. Participants were requested to have an alternate representative for meetings they could not attend. All members were mailed updates and materials between meetings. Meetings with the expanded team were all held at the Las Vegas BLM District Office and included the following:

<u>Date &amp; Attendance</u>	<u>Date &amp; Attendance</u>
09/26/95 - 17	08/13/96 - 18 (special mtg
10/24/95 - 15	Native American issues
11/04/95 - 13 (field trip	discussed by Richard Arnold)
NCA north of La Madre)	08/27/97 - 11
11/25/95 - 11 (field trip	09/24/97 - 5 (special mtg for
NCA south of S.R.160)	additional input)
11/28/95 - 14	12/15/97 - 5 (special mtg
01/27/96 - 9 (field trip	trails & 4X4 reps)
Scenic Dr. vicinity)	10/28/97 - 19

02/27/96 - 23  
03/26/96 - 16  
04/23/96 - 17  
05/28/96 - 16  
06/25/96 - 14  
07/23/96 - 15

02/25/97 - 15  
03/25/97 - 11  
04/22/97 - 15  
09/23/97 - 16  
10/21/97 - 20  
11/13/97 - 15

Other meetings/presentations not associated with the expanded planning team include the following:

Las Vegas Valley Bicycle Club monthly meeting - 8/1/96

Several presentations to classes from the National Outdoor Leadership School 1994-1998

The following list includes the members of the expanded planning team:

Jan Nachlinger	The Nature Conservancy
Nancy Wier	S Nev Rock Art Enthusiasts (SNRAE)
Eddie Longhurst	Friends of Wild Horses & Burros
Ron Gregory	Clark Co. Comprehensive Planning
Claire Toomey	Las Vegas Distance Riders (equestrian)
Randy Grandstaff	Sky's The Limit (climbing guides)
Suzanne Shelp	Las Vegas Valley Bicycle Club
Greg Currie	Spring Mountain NRA (USFS)
Howard Booth	Sierra Club
Ken Moultray	Red Rock Advisory Council
John Hiatt	Red Rock Audubon
Jan Prida	NV Division of State Parks
Bob Maichle	SMA, RAC, NVWT
Warner Skomars	Friends of Red Rock Canyon (FORRC)
Mickey Goodweiler	NV United 4 Wheelers Assoc.

Don Cloquet	Las Vegas Indian Center (Native American & cultural resources)
Liz Manion	Nevada Trails Coalition
Butch Padilla	NV Division of Wildlife
Jared Fisher	Escape the City Streets (bicycle tours)
Randy Marsh	Climber & Outdoor Interests
Sam Davidson	Access Fund

In addition to the above teammembers, others participated as alternates, replacements, or assisted in some other capacity. Representatives that fall in this category include the following:

Dolf Cardenas	Native American concerns
Randy Harness	Sierra Club
Janet Bair	US Fish and Wildlife Service
Kathy Moskowitz	Spring Mountain NRA (USFS)
Dick Franta	NV United 4 Wheelers Assoc.
Bob Ashbaugh	SNRAE & FORRC
Larry Clinesmith	FORRC
Richard Arnold	Pahrump Paiute Tribe (Native American concerns)
Laura Sanders	Sky's The Limit
Steve Fuquay	FORRC
Monte McAnulty	Mountain bike enthusiast
Roger Herrod	Las Vegas Indian Center (Native American & cultural resources)
Teri Knight	The Nature Conservancy
Tim Short	Spring Mountain NRA (USFS)
Alan Pinkerton	Spring Mountain NRA (USFS)

Jack Tribble	NV Division of State Parks
Wilford Allen	Clark County Wildlife Advisory Board (hunting issues)
Kensen Lee	Clark County Wildlife Advisory Board (hunting issues)
Mac Vorce	Escape the City Streets (bicycle tours)
Amber Belbria	Mountain bike enthusiast
Mike Cox	NV Division of Wildlife
Harry Weldon	Las Vegas Valley Bicycle Club
Marianne Slagle	FORCC
Annice Ellis	Spring Mountain NRA (USFS)

After reviewing the scoping input, the key issues were updated. The original list of key issues resurfaced along with four additional issues. BLM then completed the Analysis of the Management Situation (AMS), which is a comprehensive look at the total area being considered in the planning process. The AMS document is not part of the actual GMP/EIS, but it is an important part of the planning process and can be viewed at the Las Vegas District Office. The list of issues, planning criteria (laws and other directives), and AMS were used to fashion an array of alternatives to be considered in developing a final plan. The alternatives are presented in Chapter 2.

With the distribution of this Draft GMP/EIS, will be a 60 day public review and comment period. The review period will include public meetings for discussion and comments on the plan and preference of the included alternatives. Input collected during this review period will be used to select the appropriate alternative, make necessary corrections and modifications, and create the final GMP.

#### **BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT**

Key BLM personnel involved in carrying out the initial scoping process included:

- Joel Mur - Red Rock Manager
- Elsie Hardenbrook - Recreation Planner
- Runore Wycoff - Area Manager
- Robert Taylor - Landscape Architect

Chris Miller - Interpretive Planner  
Lorraine Buck - Public Affairs Specialist

BLM Interdisciplinary Planning Team (after the preliminary scoping)

Gene Arnesen - Outdoor Recreation Planner (Team Leader)  
Dave Wolf - National Conservation Area Manager  
Donn Siebert - Natural Resource/Wilderness Specialist  
Mark Rash - Wildlife Biologist  
Chris Miller - Interpretive Specialist/Archaeologist  
Charles Ward - Supervisory Law Enforcement Ranger

Las Vegas District Reviewers

Jackie Gratton - Realty Specialist  
Gayle Marrs-Smith - Botanist  
Gary McFadden - Wild Horse and Burro Specialist  
Mike Moran - Environmental Protection Specialist  
Jack Norman - Hydrologist/Soil Scientist  
Mark Rash - Wildlife Biologist/Natural Resource Specialist  
Stan Rolf - Archaeologist  
Ed Seum - Geologist  
Robert Stager - Range Conservationist  
Jeff Steinmetz - Planning/Environmental Coordinator  
Rex Wells - Assistant Field Office Manager for Lands

Draft GMP/EIS sent to the following agencies and organizations for review and comment

Government

Officials

U.S. Senator Richard Bryan  
U.S. Senator Harry Reid  
U.S. Congressman John Ensign  
U.S. Congressman Jim Gibbons  
U.S. Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt  
Nevada Governor Bob Miller

Federal Agencies

Bureau of Indian Affairs  
Department of Energy  
Department of the Air Force  
Department of Transportation  
Fish and Wildlife Service  
Environmental Protection Agency  
USDA Forest Service

U.S. Geologic Survey  
National Park Service  
Natural Resources Conservation Service

State of Nevada

Commission for the Preservation of Wild Horses  
Department of Conservation and Natural Resources  
Division of Forestry  
Department of Minerals  
Division of State Lands  
Division of State Parks  
Department of Transportation  
Division of Water Resources  
Department of Wildlife

Local Government

Clark County Board of Commissioners  
Clark County Department of Comprehensive Planning  
Clark County Wildlife Advisory Board  
Henderson Parks and Recreation Department  
Las Vegas Planning and Development  
Red Rock Advisory Council  
Regional Transportation Commission

Native American Councils

Intertribal Council of Nevada  
Las Vegas Indian Center

Organizations and Commercial Concerns

Access Fund  
Adventure Fitness  
Adventures to the Edge  
American Alpine Institute  
American Mountain Guides Association  
Association for Experiential Education  
ATV Action Tours  
Beyond Vertigo Rock Guides  
Bonnie Springs Ranch  
Citizen Alert  
Fraternity for Desert Bighorn  
Desert Action Jeep Tours  
Desert Rehab Center  
Desert Rock Sports  
Desert Sportsman's Rifle and Pistol Club  
Division of Motion Pictures  
Eastern Mountain Sports Climbing School



Escape The City Streets  
First Accent Climbing School  
Friends of Nevada Wilderness  
Friends Of Red Rock Canyon  
Friends of Wild Horses and Burros  
High Angle Adventures  
High and Wild Mountain Guides  
Howard Hughes Properties  
Jackson Hole Mountain Guides  
Las Vegas Mountaineers Club  
Las Vegas Distance Riders  
Las Vegas Sun  
Las Vegas Valley Bicycle Club  
Las Vegas Valley Water District  
MRAN  
Mohonk Preserve  
Mountain Skills Inc.  
National Audubon Society  
National Outdoor Leadership School  
National Wild Horse Association  
Nevada Power Company  
Nevada Sportsman Association  
Nevada Wildlife Federation  
Pacific Crest Outward Bound  
Peak Adventures  
Portland Mountain Guides  
Public Lands Foundation  
Red Rock Adventure  
Red Rock Canyon Interpretive Association  
Red Rock Audubon  
Red Rock Downhill  
Rocks & Ropes  
Rocky Trials  
Seneca Rock Mountain Guides  
Sheep Mountain Home Owners Association  
Sierra Club  
Sky's The Limit  
Southern Nevada Environmental Forum  
Southern Nevada Grotto  
Southern Nevada Land Cruisers  
Southern Nevada Rock Art Enthusiasts  
Starlight Tours  
The Nature Conservancy  
The Wilderness Society  
Vegas Valley Four Wheelers  
Vertical Endeavors  
Vertical Ventures  
Wildlife Management Institute

